Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1853.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 13th September, A. D. 1853, R. A. M. 2383.

PRESENT:

M.E. SAMUEL MILLARD, . .	Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
E. HENRY EARL, . . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
Comp. JOHN MCCLELLAN, . .	Grand Captain of Host.
" EBENEZER W. TOLMAN, .	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" ALONZO ANDREWS, .	Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.*
" SAMUEL H. GREGORY, .	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" SAMUEL JEPSON, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" ELIJAH K. SPOOR, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
" WM. C. MARTIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Mount Zion.

The Grand Chapter was opened in form, and the records of the last meeting read.

Comp. Martin sent in a written report, by which it appears, that in conformity with a vote passed at the last meeting of this Grand Chapter, he had appraised and delivered to a Committee of Franklin Chapter, Greenfield, for which he had obtained their receipt, the following articles of regalia, viz:

11 Robes valued at	$20
3 prs. of Overhalls, ...	2
12 Head dresses, ...	6
13 Jewels and Collars, ...	15
3 Ivory Squares, ...	1
	—$44

Which report was accepted.

The lecture on the Mark degree was given, and the Grand Chapter adjourned to the second Tuesday of October next, being the 11th day of said month, then to meet for the choice of officers, agreeably to a vote passed at the stated meeting in June last.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held by adjournment at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 11th October, A. D. 1853, R. A. M. 2383.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" JONAS A. MARSHALL, .	Grand Scribe.

Comp. ELIJAH K. SPOOR, . .	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
" E. W. TOLMAN, . .	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" ALONZO ANDREWS, .	Gr. R. A. Captain, *pro tem.*
" JAMES W. CROOKS, .	Grand Master 3d Vail.
" SAMUEL JEPSON, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" WM. H. L. SMITH, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" PETER C. JONES, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. EDW'D A. RAYMOND, }	Committee of Finance.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, }	
" WM. C. MARTIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Member.—CHARLES W. MOORE.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Mount Zion, Morning Star, and Mount Horeb.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read.

Parts of the lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given.

The M.E. Grand High Priest made some remarks relative to the proceedings of the triennial meeting of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter at Lexington, Ky., in September last.

The Committee of Finance submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, which they find correctly kept and properly vouched.

He had on hand at the commencement of the year, a balance of $51 57

And has received from Chapters under the jurisdiction,	252 00
For diplomas, ...	13 00
For regalia sold the Boston Encampment, . .	20 00
	$336 57

He has paid during the year, for sundry expenses, including that of the representative of this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter at Lexington, Kentucky, the sum of	289 00
Leaving a balance on hand of	47 57
	$336 57

The Committee recommend that the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary for his services during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. Raymond, } *Committee*
John R. Bradford, } *of Finance.*

Boston, Oct. 11, 1853.

Voted to proceed to the choice of officers for the year ensuing. The M.E. Grand High Priest having retired from the chair, E. Comp. Marshall was appointed chairman of the Committee of the whole, when the following officers were unanimously elected, viz:

M.E. and Rev. Stephen Lovell, .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. and Rev. E. M. P. Wells, . .	Dep. G. High Priest.
E. James W. Crooks, . . .	Grand King.
" Horace Chenery, . . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp. Peter C. Jones, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, . . .	Grand Secretary.

The Committee then rose, and reported the foregoing elections, which were unanimously approved by the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the installation of the officers elect, take place at the stated meeting in December next.

Voted, That article 5th of the Grand Rules and Regulations be repealed. The article aforesaid being in the following words, viz:

"The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, King or Scribe of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the time being, shall not be High Priest, King or Scribe of any Subordinate Chapter."

The Grand Chapter was then closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Regular Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 13th of December, A. D. 1853, R. A. M. 2383.

Present:

M.E. and Rev. Stephen Lovell,	Grand High Priest.
E. Henry Earl, . . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" John Flint, . . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
Comp. Elijah K. Spoor, . .	Gr. Captain of Host, *p. t.*
" Wm. H. L. Smith, . .	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" Alonzo Andrews, .	Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.*
" James W. Crooks, . .	Grand Master 3d Vail.
" William Makepeace, .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" Joseph Bedlow, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" Peter C. Jones, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Winslow Lewis, . .	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Rev. E. M. P. Wells, . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. Wm. C. Martin, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Member.

M.E. JOHN B. HAMMATT, . . Past Grand High Priest.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Morning Star, Mount Zion, Worcester, Thomas, Mount Horeb, and Franklin.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read.

Comp. Wendell T. Davis was recognized as proxy for M.E. Richard Colton, High Priest of Franklin Chapter, Greenfield.

A communication from Washington Chapter, Salem, relating to the recovery of their original Charter was received and read. Also, one from St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, giving notice of the rejection of certain candidates for the degrees by that Chapter.

Northampton Chapter being delinquent in the payment of its dues, and in making an annual return to the Grand Chapter, as required by the Grand Rules and Regulations, it was *Voted*, That this subject be committed to Comp. J. W. Crooks, to report at the next meeting.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to write to King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport, requesting the payment of their dues.

Comp. Chenery was appointed a Committee to call upon Sutton Chapter and request the payment of their dues.

The installation of the officers of the Grand Chapter for the year ensuing, was then performed.

M.E. John B. Hammatt, Past Grand High Priest, was called to the chair, and installed the M.E. and Rev. Stephen

Lovell, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, who then installed the other Grand Officers in the following order, viz:

M.E. and Rev. E. M. P. WELLS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JAMES W. CROOKS, . .	Grand King.
" HORACE CHENERY, . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp. PETER C. JONES, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary, by proxy.

The following appointments were announced, and the several officers duly installed, viz:

Comp. ELIJAH K. SPOOR, . .	Gr. Captain of the Host.
" WM. H. L. SMITH, . .	Grand Principal Sojourner,
" JOSEPH BEDLOW, . .	Grand R. A. Captain.
" EBEN'R W. TOLMAN, .	Grand Master 3d Vail.
" GEORGE RIPLEY, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail.
" AARON F. BEAMAN, .	Grand Master 1st Vail.
Rev. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. DAVID THAYER, } . .	Grand Stewards.
" GEO. M. GIBSON, }	
" WILLIAM C. MARTIN, .	Grand Tyler.

The following Committees were also appointed, viz:

Comp. EDW'D A. RAYMOND, }	Committee of Finance.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, }	
" JOHN FLINT, }	
" THOMAS WATERMAN, }	Committee on Charity.
" SAMUEL MILLARD, }	
" GEORGE MOULTON, }	

Proclamation was then made that the Grand Chapter was duly organized.

Voted, That the sum of twenty dollars be paid to the Boston Masonic Board of Relief to be expended in charity.

The work on the Mark degree was given, and the Grand Chapter adjourned until to-morrow morning, 14th inst, then to meet at 9 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter met according to adjournment.

The death of M.E. Daniel L. Gibbens, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, having been announced, Comps. Lewis, Hammatt, and Bradford, were appointed a Committee to draft suitable resolutions, expressive of the sympathy of this Grand Chapter with the family of our deceased and honored companion.

The work on the several degrees was rehearsed, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

The following return was made to the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, viz:

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held in Boston, on the 11th of October, A. D. 1853, when the following officers were unanimously elected, and on the 13th of December following, duly installed into their respective offices, viz:

M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. and Rev. E. M. P. WELLS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JAMES W. CROOKS, . .	Grand King.
" HORACE CHENERY, . .	Grand Scribe.
" PETER C. JONES, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.

Chapters under the jurisdiction.

ST. ANDREW'S, ...	Boston.
ADONIRAM, ...	New Bedford.
MORNING STAR, ...	Springfield.
ST. PAUL'S, ...	Boston.
MOUNT ZION, ...	Stoughton.
WORCESTER, ...	Worcester.
MOUNT HOREB, ...	Lowell.
SUTTON, ...	Sutton.
THOMAS, ...	Fitchburg.
NORTHAMPTON, ...	Northampton.
KING CYRUS, ...	Newburyport.
WASHINGTON, ...	Salem.
FRANKLIN, ...	Greenfield.

GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, 17th December, 1853.

TO BENJ. B. FRENCH, Esq., *General Grand Sec'y of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, Washington, D. C.*

Dear Sir, and M.E. Companion:

I herewith annex and transmit a list of the officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, for the current Masonic year, and also a list of the Chapters under our jurisdiction.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully and fraternally your ob't servant,

THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

STATED MEETING.

A Regular Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple,

Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 7th of March, A. D. 1854, R. A. M. 2384.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. and Rev. E. M. P. WELLS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JAMES W. CROOKS, . .	Grand King.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
Comp. ELIJAH K. SPOOR, . .	Grand Captain of the Host.
" GEORGE MOULTON, .	Gr. Prin. Sojourner, *p. t.*
" JOSEPH BEDLOW, . .	Grand R. A. Captain.
" ALONZO ANDREWS, . .	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" JACOB C. PHELPS, . .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" LEVI BATES, . . .	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" PETER C. JONES, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
" DAVID THAYER, . .	Grand Steward.
" WILLIAM C. MARTIN, .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

SAMUEL MILLARD,	ROBERT KEITH,
HENRY EARL,	J. A. MARSHALL.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Worcester, Thomas, and Franklin.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in ample form, and the record of the last meeting read and approved.

M.E. Comp. Hammatt, in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, to draft suitable resolutions relative to the decease of our M.E. Comp. D. L. Gibbens, reported progress, and at his request, the Committee were granted further time.

The Grand Treasurer laid before the Grand Chapter, a communication from King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport, requesting that they may be allowed until the next meeting

of the Grand Chapter, to make their return and pay their dues; whereupon it was *Voted*, That the request of the Chapter aforesaid, be granted, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to notify them accordingly.

M.E. J. W. Crooks, who was appointed a Committee to settle with Northampton Chapter, reported progress, and was granted further time.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to send to each Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, six copies of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, with such alterations as have been made since the same were printed.

Voted, That the Council of this Grand Chapter be a Committee to prepare and cause to be published the Proceedings of this body, including the annual meeting in September last, and the annual meeting which is to take place in September next. It was also *Voted*, That the same Committee be authorized and requested to enter into correspondence with such other Grand Chapters in the United States as they may deem expedient.

M.E. Comps. A. A. Dame, E. M. P. Wells, and W. T. Davis, were appointed a Committee to consider the expediency of appointing an agent or agents on the part of this Grand Chapter, to hold official communication with all the Chapters under the jurisdiction, and that said Committee be requested to report at the next meeting.

The lecture on the Mark degree was given, and part of the lecture on the Royal Arch degree, when the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

March 8th. The Grand Chapter was called from refresh-

ment to labor, the lectures and work on the Mark, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed at 2 P. M., in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Regular Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 13th of June, A. D. 1854, R. A. M. 2384.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand High Priest.
E. ABRAHAM A. DAME, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" HORACE CHENERY, . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp. ELIJAH K. SPOOR, . .	Grand Captain of the Host.
" WM. H. L. SMITH, . .	Gr. Principal Sojourner.
" SAMUEL JEPSON, . .	Grand R. A. Captain, *p. t.*
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Master 3d Vail, *p. t.*
" SAMUEL H. GREGORY, .	Grand Master 2d Vail, *p. t.*
" JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Grand Master 1st Vail, *p. t.*
" PETER C. JONES, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
" WM. C. MARTIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: —St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Sutton, and Thomas.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read.

The Grand Treasurer reported that King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter at Newburyport, had surrendered its Charter,

together with thirteen jewels, which he had received by the hands of Comp. Jonathan G. Johnson; whereupon it was *Voted*, That the Grand Chapter accept of the same, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to address the members of the late King Cyrus Chapter, expressive of the kindness and fraternal regard of this body towards them, and at the same time reminding them that their records should also be returned.

Voted, That this Grand Chapter will attend the celebration at Framingham on the 24th inst., by invitation of Middlesex Lodge, and such Royal Arch Masons as can find it convenient, be requested to unite under the banner of the Grand Chapter on that occasion.

M.E. Comp. A. A. Dame, in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, to consider the expediency of appointing an agent to visit the Chapters under this jurisdiction, reported progress, and at his request the Committee were granted further time.

M.E. Comp. Hammatt, for the Committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of M.E. Daniel L. Gibbens, also reported progress, and at his request, this Committee were allowed further time.

A motion was made by M.E. Comp. Robert Keith, that the 5th article of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter, which was repealed at the last annual meeting, be restored. After some discussion, it was *Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to take this subject into consideration and report thereon at the next annual meeting. The chair appointed the following companions as members of said Committee, viz: Robert Keith, J. B. Hammatt, A. A. Dame, W. H. L. Smith, and T. Waterman.

M.E. Asa Woodbury, High Priest of Sutton R. A. Chapter,

having stated that it would be for the interest of said Chapter to be allowed to hold their meetings a part of the time at Grafton, and requesting the consent of the Grand Chapter for that purpose, a Committee was appointed to consider this subject and report. The Committee consisting of Comps. Marshall, Chenery, and McClellan subsequently reported that the request of Sutton Chapter ought to be granted, and this report was unanimously accepted.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, June 14th. The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor and the work on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees was given. At 12 o'clock the Grand Chapter took a recess until 3 P. M., when the members again assembled and resumed their labors.

M.E. Comp. Crooks, reported in part on Northampton Chapter, and at his request, was granted further time.

A communication was received from Comp. Franklin Weston, relating to Royal Arch Masonry in the western part of the Commonwealth, and referred to a Committee consisting of the M.E. Grand High Priest and M.E. Chas. W. Moore, to consider and report.

A Mark Lodge was organized and the work and ceremonies of that degree exhibited; after which, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

N. B. The communication referred to above, was addressed to M.E. Charles W. Moore, and by him laid before the Grand Chapter.